

# DRINKING WATER ADVISORY

The \_\_\_\_\_ Water Supply is recommending to boil the water before using for drinking or to use an alternative source

The \_\_\_\_\_ Water Supply had a problem in the distribution system and the system lost pressure on \_\_\_\_\_. Due to the potential for bacterial contamination, it is being recommended that the water be boiled before using for drinking or cooking or that an alternative source be used. *Add information or change to specific area if impacts are limited. If the system has nitrate levels greater than 7 mg/L or nitrite levels greater than 0.7 mg/L, remove "boil" and use "alternative source".*

**IT IS RECOMMENDED NOT TO DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. The water may be used for bathing and other similar purposes.

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_, Water Superintendent or appropriate title at \_\_\_\_\_. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

The system has been repaired, repressurized, and bacteria samples will be collected. This advisory is a precaution until bacterial sample results are available. You will be notified when the results are available and the advisory is lifted. *Add or change to explain situation and what is being done.*

The system is working with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to resolve the situation.

This notice is being sent to you by the \_\_\_\_\_ Water Supply.

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